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In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/613,565

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For: GENE FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS  
AND DISCOVERY USING  
RANDOMIZED OR TARGET-SPECIFIC  
RIBOZYME GENE VECTOR  
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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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